

**Community Development Committee
Regular Meeting
April 15, 2005 – 8:30 a.m.
Tribal Office Board Room**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call-

Committee Chairman Ken A. Fish called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Those present: Rick Warrington, Pat Corn, Susan Waukau, Bernard Vigue, Dave Corn and Jim Horton. Dave Grignon (excused) and David Hawpetoss were absent. Also present for the meeting was, Joyce Menchaca, Dale Kakkak, Melissa Cook, Lew Boyd, Debbie Webster, Gwen Waukau and Mary Nunway.

2. Moment of Silence-A moment of silence was observed.

Motion made by Rick Warrington to move to other business. Motion was seconded by Bernard Vigue. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

13. Other Business-

Joyce Menchaca was present to inform the committee that her mother is interested in the old Reiter's Gas station to open a small restaurant/bakery. Joyce provided the committee with a letter of interest. Since Joyce had to leave right away, committee members told her they would keep her informed.

Debbie Webster is concerned that after all the work she is doing to try to get the building, now other people are interested. Debbie stated that there was a posting in the Tribal News and nobody but her & Gwen expressed interest in the building.

Committee members informed Chairman Fish that at a previous meeting they made a motion giving Debbie and Gwen the first option for the building if money is found to make the repairs.

Chairman Fish would like a copy of the published notice and would like to know if there was a deadline date to bid on it and would like Bernie to work with Debbie on the lease agreement. The issue will be discussed at the next meeting

Motion made by Jim Horton to go back to #3 of the agenda. Motion was seconded by Bernard Vigue. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

3. Review Minutes Dated March 11, and March 18, 2005-

Motion made by Bernard Vigue to approve the minutes of March 11 and March 18, 2005. Motion was seconded by Pat Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

4. Election of Officers-

Chairman Fish opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Motion made by Dave Corn to nominate Bernard Vigue for Vice-Chairman. Motion was seconded by Rick Warrington. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bernard Vigue to nominate Dave Corn for Vice-Chairman. Motion was seconded by Susan Waukau. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jim Horton to close nominations. No second necessary. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

To choose the Vice-Chairman, Chairman Fish asked committee members to vote. All those in favor of Bernard Vigue signify by raising your right hand 4 votes for Bernard Vigue. All those in favor of Dave Corn for Vice-Chairman raise your right hand, 2 votes for Dave Corn.

Bernard Vigue is the Community Development Committee Vice-Chairman.

Chairman Fish opened the floor for nominations for Secretary.

Motion made by Bernard Vigue to nominate Pat Corn for Secretary. Motion was seconded by Susan Waukau. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Pat Corn to nominate Susan Waukau for Secretary. No second was made to the motion because Susan declined.

Pat Corn is the Community Development Committee Secretary.

5. Review/Action on Committee Bylaws-

Committee members briefly reviewed the bylaws and the only change made was to section 4 part B. Right now the bylaws state that if a committee member is going to be absent they have to send a delegate and that delegate does not count for a quorum and cannot vote and committee would like to see that changed.

Motion made by Susan Waukau to approve the committee bylaws with changes to #4 part B and send to the Menominee Tribal Legislature for approval. Motion was seconded by Bernard Vigue. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

6. College of the Menominee Nation Land Allocation Request-

Melissa Cook from the College of the Menominee Nation was present and informed the committee that the College is looking to obtain some of the land across from the College for a First American Forestlands which will develop and disseminate information and knowledge on sustainable forestry practices through research, technical assistance, education programs, and other appropriate activities. The College would be in partnership with the US Forest Service and would need approximately 12 to 15 acres of land.

Committee members are concerned because that area they are looking at obtaining is considered prime as far as future development goes. Committee members are afraid that if the College uses the land where would the tribe build any future businesses? Committee members would like the College to come back to the committee with options of alternative areas.

Motion made by Jim Horton to table and that the College come back to the May 20, 2005 meeting with different options. Motion was seconded by Rick Warrington. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

Chairman Fish was excused at 9:40 a.m. Bernard Vigue took over as Chairman.

7. Discuss/Action on Ordinance 05-01 Water Rates and Regulations-

Bernard Vigue informed the committee that the ordinance already went to the Menominee Tribal Legislature for 1st Consideration and will be going to their next meeting for final approval.

8. Transportation Plan-

Mary Nunway was present and informed the committee that she would like everyone to go over the Transportation Plan and if they would like any changes or have any comments to please get them to her by April 26, 2005 when the next joint meeting between Community Development and Housing will take place.

9. Economic Development Committee Status-

No action taken.

10. Easement Discussion-

Motion made by Jim Horton to table. Motion was seconded by Rick Warrington. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

11. Committee Goals and Objectives-

No discussion, no action taken.

12. Updates – A). Tax Exempt Gas, WIC & C-Store and B). Recreation Lease Policies and Procedures-

Bernie informed the committee that he thinks the tax exempt gas concept will go through. If the Menominee Tribal Legislature approves it, it should be up and running within three months.

Bernie informed the committee that he will have the Recreation Lease Policies and Procedures for the next meeting.

13. Other Business-

Bernie gave the committee a cemetery policy and would like them to review and would like input on any changes that need to be made.

Committee members talked about having a storage facility to rent out to departments. A good place would be by the Tribal Utilities facility. No action was taken.

Jim Horton informed the committee that Housing is looking at obtaining the Head Start Building in Neopit to renovate and use as an extension for the Eagle's Nest. Jim stated that at the next meeting he will have a request in writing and would like it on the next agenda.

14. Adjournment-

Motion made by Jim Horton to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Rick Warrington. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Legislative Staff Services